(7/7) Repayment of crop loan granted by the Coffee Board has been rescheduled ;

(iv) The rate of REP licence has been increased from 4% to 10% in the new Import-Export Policy.

Apart from the above, coffee is already exempt from the purview of export duty. A cash compensatory support at the rate of 20 % is provided on the exports of instant coffee in 100 gm tins and 18% on its export in bulk.

बिहार में गया काटन मिल को पुनः चालू किया जाना

486. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा बिहार में गया काटन मिल को पुनः चालू किये जाने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार उक्त मिल के मजदूरों की हालत को देखते हुये उन्हें किन्हीं अन्य मिलों में रोजगार देने पर विचार कर रही है ?

वस्त्र मंत्री, साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव) : (क) एन०टी०सी० (डब्ल्यू०बी०ए०बी०ओ०) लि., कलकत्ता के अधीन एक वस्त्र एकक गया काटन एंड जूट मिल्स पहले ही प्रचालन में है । इस मिल के कार्य-निष्पादन में सुधार लाने के लिये 1 करोड़ रु० के परिव्यय वाली आधुनिकीकरण योजना बनाई गई है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

देश में दस शीर्षस्थ व्यापारिक प्रतिष्ठानों की ओर आयकर की बकाया राशि

487. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में सबसे अधिक आयकर देने वाले उन शीर्षस्थ व्यापारिक प्रतिष्ठानों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्होंने गत वर्ष के दौरान आयकर दिया है ;

(ख) प्रत्येक मामले में कितनी राशि देय थी, कितनी राशि का भुगतान किया गया और कितनी राशि बकाया है ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा बकाया राशि को वसूल करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री अनिल शास्त्री) : (क) से (ग) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Measures to Encourage Agricultural Exports

488. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the Report of the Committee appointed by Board of Trade to recommend policy measures to encourage agricultural export;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations contained therein alongwith the major objectives to be achieved thereby ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government on the basis of the report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations are of a macro nature and relate to changes in infrastructure, better technology, larger scale of production, changes in policies including those pertaining to fiscal support. The major objectives stated in the report include significant increases in the exports of agricultural commodities including marine and meat products.

(c) The Government has taken note of the recommendations for appropriate action as feasible.

Sale of Products of Units situated at Free Trade Zone

489. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the current policy of Government for permitting sale of a portion of the products of a unit situated at Free Trade Zone to Domestic Tariff Area;

(b) whether it is a fact majority of the units at Kandla Free Trade Zone are not being given the concession of sale of a portion of their products to the Domestic Tariff Area and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many of the total operating units at Kandla are availing this concession; and

(d) what corrective steps are being taken in the matter of ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) In terms of current Import-Export policy, the units in the Export Processing Zones are permitted, on a case by case basis, to sell upto 25% of their production in the Domestic Tariff Area on payment of applicable duties. Goods manufactured in Free Trade Zones/Export Processing Zones are also allowed to be sold in Domestic Tariff Area against valid import licences.

(b) to (d). Permission for domestic sale is allowed by the Development Commissioner on application by the units. Four units in Kandla Free Trade Zone have requested for permission to sell in the Domestic Tariff Area under the policy relating to sale upto 25 % of the production. While one unit has already been permitted, the requests of other units pre under consideration. One unit has applied for and has been permitted sale in DTA against valid import licence.

Apparel Exports Promotion Council's Representation Against New Policy

490. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Apparel Exports Promotion Council has represented to Government against the discriminatory policy being followed at present favouring the large export units;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the new Export/Import Policy the suggestions received from the garment industry has not been incorporated; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : (a) The Apparel Export Promotion Council has represented against the alleged discriminatory Policy being followed at present favouring the large export units. However, the Policy is not discriminatory in nature. The Small Scale Sector continues to get special treatment in the new Policy as well. IRMAC Scheme which is meant for servicing the import requirements of indigenous industry has been